

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated September 27, 2004, and reconsideration of that Action is requested in view of the following comments.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response together with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, the deadline for responding to the Office Action has been extended until March 27, 2004, and this response is therefore timely filed since it was deposited in the mail for First Class Delivery Service on the date certified on the front page hereof.

The single independent claim in the present application has been amended to define a unique combination of a specific condiment holder and a refrigerated table having an opening therein constructed and arranged to receive the holder. The holder has a peripheral lip that engages the refrigerated table at the opening. Front, back and end walls of the holder, particularly the openings therein, enable chilled air to circulate into and through the holder. The bottom wall also includes air circulating openings for this purpose. The overall combination of claim 1 also includes a plurality of condiment containers within at least some of the spaced apart openings in the top of the holder, and these containers are maintained at a desired air cooled temperature.

The prior art relied upon in rejecting the originally filed claims is quite remote from the combination now defined in claim 1 and the remaining dependent claims. Specifically, Baudisch et al US 4,482,522 ("Baudisch") simply discloses a receptacle carrier of laboratory centrifuges for accommodating test tubes and test vessels.

Comer US 2,459,921 is equally remote in that it simply discloses an articulating bottle carrier.

The combination of Sochurek US 966,258 and Savage US 531,067 is similarly remote in that Sochurek simply discloses a bottle tray, while Savage shows a holder for use in preserving fruit and the like.

The other secondary reference namely Snell US 4,947,991 only shows the well known squeeze bottles for condiments.

In essence the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the overall combination presently set forth in the amended claims. It is believed that these claims define patentable subject matter and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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